



To the Honorable Council
City of Norfolk, Virginia

April 22, 2014

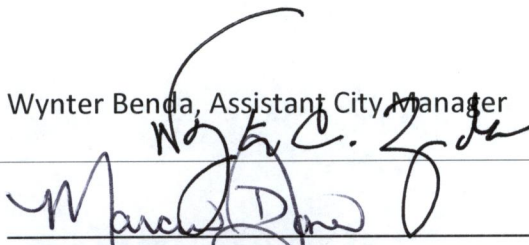
From: Stephen E. Kirkland, Director of Nauticus

Subject: Approving Acceptance of Virginia Port Authority Aid to Local Ports Grant Program funds in the amount of \$400,000 for floating docks at Nauticus and expenditure of \$100,000 matching funds.

Reviewed: Wynter Benda, Assistant City Manager

Ward/Superward: City-wide

Approved:


Marcus D. Jones, City Manager

Item Number:

R-1

I. **Recommendation:** Adopt Ordinance

II. **Applicant:** City of Norfolk

III. **Description**

This is an ordinance to accept the Virginia Port Authority's (the "VPA's") Aid to Local Ports Grant Program funds. Two VPA grants of \$200,000 each will result in the permanent installation of maintenance-free floating docks in the basin between the Half Moone Cruise and Celebration Center and the Battleship Wisconsin to support Sail Nauticus operations. In addition, Council's approval will authorize expenditure of \$100,000 matching funds already appropriated for support of Sail Nauticus.

IV. **Analysis**

During its first year of operations, Sail Nauticus has been operated with temporary, loaned floating docks. A permanent, maintenance-free floating dock installation will not only provide long-term protection for Sail Nauticus' existing fleet of instructional boats, but will also permit additional boats to be moored as the program expands to include more Norfolk Public School middle school children.

V. **Financial Impact**

Sail Nauticus boats and operations are supported by donations to the Nauticus Foundation. However, the docks, as an infrastructure improvement, will become property of the City of Norfolk (the "City") and will require ongoing City support for maintenance through the Maritime Center's budget process. With the designed, maintenance-free, permanently

moored floating dock system, such support is considered to be within budget management capability. This grant provides \$400,000 over two fiscal years through a reimbursement process. Matching funds for the grant total \$100,000 and are part of the City's appropriated support to the Sail Nauticus program through the Nauticus Foundation.

VI. Environmental

There are no impacts to natural resources, neighborhood preservation, or historic preservation.

VII. Community Outreach/Notification

Public notification for this agenda item was conducted through the City of Norfolk's agenda notification process.

VIII. Board/Commission Action

N/A.

IX. Coordination/Outreach

This letter has been coordinated with City Attorney's Office, Finance and the Grants Management Office.

Supporting Material from the Department of Maritime Center:

- Ordinance
- CM letter to Virginia Port Authority
- VPA Resolution 13-14 showing City of Norfolk as approved Aid to Local Ports project

Form and Correctness Approved:

By

Office of the City Attorney

Contents Approved:

By

DEPT. Nauticus

Pursuant to Section 72 of the City Charter, I hereby certify that the money required for this item is in the city treasury to the credit of the fund from which it is drawn and not appropriated for any other purpose.

\$ 500,000

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Director of Finance

Account

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Date

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE No.

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AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING \$400,000 FROM THE VIRGINIA PORT AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$400,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$100,000 FROM PREVIOUSLY-APPROPRIATED FUNDS AS A LOCAL CASH MATCH FOR CAPITAL PORT IMPROVEMENTS AT NAUTICUS.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That a \$400,000 grant award from the Virginia Port Authority for floating dock capital port improvements at Nauticus is hereby accepted.

Section 2:- That \$400,000 in grant funds are hereby appropriated and authorized to be expended for floating dock capital port improvements at Nauticus, according to the terms and conditions of the Aid To Local Ports Grant Program, if and when the funds are made available from the Virginia Port Authority.

Section 3:- That a local cash match in the amount of \$100,000 in previously-appropriated funds is hereby authorized to be expended for floating dock capital port improvement from the Nauticus Special Revenue account.

Section 4:- That the City Manager is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to receive the funds and implement the project.

Section 5:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after the date of its adoption.



NORFOLK

Office of the City Manager

March 24, 2014

Mrs. Laura Godbolt, Program Administrator
Virginia Port Authority, ATTN: Aid to Local Ports Grant Program
600 World Trade Center
Norfolk, VA 23510-1679

Dear Ms. Godbolt,

The City of Norfolk recognizes the commitment of the Virginia Port Authority (VPA) to significantly improve the economic well-being of maritime communities with the establishment of the Aid to Local Ports grant fund. Through Nauticus, our city's waterfront maritime museum and science attraction, Norfolk is fortunate to have again been selected as a grant recipient with an FY14 award of \$200,000.

I confirm on the behalf of the City of Norfolk that Nauticus has been provided \$50,000 in municipal funds as a match, to be allocated towards capital port improvements included in the Aid to Local Ports grant proposal. Furthermore, let this letter act as confirmation of the terms of the grant: that the City of Norfolk will submit unpaid invoices to VPA for capital improvements included in the scope of work at Nauticus for the Aid to Local Ports grant.

Additionally, I would like to formalize City support for the official funding request submitted on February 24, 2014, by Mr. Stephen E. Kirkland, Director of Nauticus, for follow-up grant funds in FY15. This FY15 Aid to Local Ports grant request of \$200,000 will ensure the completion of capital port improvements planned for the Nauticus waterfrontage and provide improved public access to the water through Nauticus and Sail Nauticus. These capital improvements will include comfortable access to all in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) and plan for appropriate lighting and power capabilities to ensure public safety, alleviating further maintenance concerns for the city.

The City of Norfolk anticipates the completion of the capital improvements to our port within the calendar year, and thanks VPA for the opportunity to apply for additional meaningful capital funds through the Aid to Local Port grant program in FY15.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcus D. Jones".

Marcus D. Jones
City Manager

**VIRGINIA PORT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION 13-14**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AID TO LOCAL PORTS FUNDING (FY14) TOTALING \$1,000,000 to the County of Accomack, the Accomack Northampton Transportation District Commission (ANTDC), the Town of Cape Charles, the City of Norfolk, Northampton County, the Town of Saxis, the Town of Tangier, and the Town of Wachapreague.

WHEREAS, in September 1986, the Virginia General Assembly established the Commonwealth Port Fund in order to support port capital needs of all ocean, river or tributary ports within the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority adopted a Policy on Grants to Local Governments for Financial Assistance for Port Facilities (Aid to Local Ports Policy) on July 28, 1987, which Policy was last amended on November 29, 1995; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Aid to Local Ports Policy, the following entities have applied for grants for the purposes indicated;

County of Accomack, up to \$52,325 for Phase III of the Quinby Harbor refurbishment project and launching ramp replacements at Folly Creek Landing and Schooner Bay Landing.

Accomack Northampton Transportation District Commission (ANTDC), up to \$144,750, for the fender and float bridge repairs on the carfloat operation between Little Creek and Cape Charles.

Town of Cape Charles, up to \$75,000, to augment the installation of the floating breakwaters portion of their comprehensive harbor re-development plan.

City of Norfolk, up to \$450,000, to be applied as \$200,000 for the addition of maintenance free floating docks to the Elizabeth River frontage project and \$250,000 for the dredging project at the wharf of Front Street near the NOAA marine operations center.

Northampton County, up to \$40,000 for the replacement of two small piers that border the boat ramp at Morley's Wharf.

Town of Saxis, up to \$100,000, for a new harbor project to replace weak and rotten wood pilings, replace decking, and install pile caps.

Town of Tangier, up to \$57,925, to replace the existing bulkhead that begins at the town dock and extends east, and to repair the loading/unloading dock to add a galvanized cap to the existing steel dock.

Town of Wachapreague, up to \$80,000, for emergency dredging work and to repair the marina including dock work and much needed plumbing and electrical work.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority that:

1. Grants will be made in the individual amounts and for the purposes indicated above.
2. Funds will be made available following the approval of certified requisitions which are accompanied by supporting documentation provided to the Virginia Port Authority as provided for in the Aid to Local Ports Policy.
3. The grantees are required to return any unused funds from these grants to the Virginia Port Authority.
4. If, by June 30, 2014, the grants authorized herein have not been fully drawn upon, or the contracts covering the improvements for which the grants were made have not been entered into, the grants will lapse and will not be carried over to the next fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

The County of Accomack requests to carry over until June 30, 2014, its previous balance estimated to be \$450,000.

The Accomack Northampton Transportation District Commission requests to carry over until June 30, 2014, its previous balance estimated to be \$73,003.

The Isle of Wight County requests to carry over until June 30, 2014, its previous balance estimated to be \$44,400.

The Town of Cape Charles requests to carry over until June 30, 2014, its previous balance estimated to be \$464,434. The Town would also request to re-allocate the carryover from the original project, to the new project of installing the floating breakwaters.

The Town of Onancock requests to carry over until June 30, 2014, its previous balance estimated to be \$287,952.

The Town of Saxis requests to carry over until June 30, 2014, its previous balance estimated to be \$195,309.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of May 2013.

William H. Fralin, Jr., Chairman

Attest:

Debra J. McNulty, Clerk